

REMARKSStatus of Prosecution and Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicant's Amendments and Remarks filed on July 27, 2009.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement of the cancellation of claims 3,5,10, 19, 20, 22, 29 and 31 and the amendments made to claims 18 and 27, with all such cancellations or amendments made without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that amended claims 18 and 27 contain no new matter.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that currently claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-18, 21, 23-28 and 30 are currently pending and under consideration in this case.

Claim Objections

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that the objection to claims 5 and 19 has been withdrawn

Rejection of Claims 18 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that the rejection of claims 18 and 27 for indefiniteness has been withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-18, 21, 23-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-19, 21, 23-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner claims the specification fails to describe a limiting definition of "oxytocin analog."

As discussed telephonically with the Examiner on November 23, 2010, Applicant intends to address this issue via telephonic interview, Affidavit, Proposed Remarks and/or

Preliminary Amendment in the near future and looks forward to working with the Examiner at her earliest convenience to address her concerns.

Rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 15, 19, 23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 15, 19, 23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Knauf (DE 4429880, published 3/31/1994).

As also discussed telephonically with the Examiner on November 23, 2010, Applicant intends to also address this issue via telephonic interview, Affidavit, Proposed Remarks and/or Preliminary Amendment in the near future and looks forward to working with the Examiner at her earliest convenience to address her concerns in regards to the alleged rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-19 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-19 and 23-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Quay (U.S. Patent No. 6,894,026) for the reasons of record.

Additionally discussed telephonically with the Examiner on November 23, 2010, Applicant intends to address the alleged rejection of various claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) via telephonic interview, Affidavit, Proposed Remarks and/or Preliminary Amendment in the near future and looks forward to working with the Examiner to address her concerns in this regard.

Rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Knauf in view of Quay for the reasons of record.

Applicant intends to address this alleged rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) via telephonic interview, Affidavit, Proposed Remarks and/or Preliminary Amendment in the near future and looks forward to working with the Examiner to address her concerns in this regard.